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Re: U.S. Patent Application 10/559,490 for HOOD; Filed: December 6, 2005;
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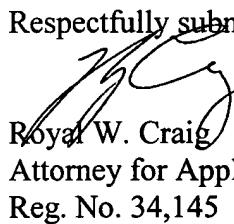
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Sir:

Enclosed are copies of the following reference documents.

<u>Patent/Application No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
CN 2167543Y	Liang et al.	8 June 1994

Summary of the references:

Chinese Application No. CN 2167543Y by Liang et al. generally discloses a springy wire frame to support the peak of a hat in front of, and above, the face of a person wearing the hat, and that this peak can be twisted into a figure eight shape. Applicant does not have a full translation within her custody or control under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(ii), and yet the disclosure is

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fairly clear from the drawings. In addition, a summary of the disclosure was provided by

Applicant's Chinese attorneys, and this follows:

"The visor 31 has a body made from flexible materials and a spring steel wire 32 surrounding and stretching the body thereof. In order to fold the visor 31 to retracted position, firstly, the steel wire 32 is twisted to a "8" shape (see Fig. 4), then the "8" shape can be folded to a "0" shape. In the folded state, the folded visor 31 remains attached to the hat, and are placed at the bottom of the cover (cap) 3. And also, the sleeve (the body of the rain cape) 1 and the headgear 2 can be retracted in the cap 3 before the steel wire 32 is twisted."

Thus the substance of the CN 2167543Y Liang et al. disclosure is that it uses a springy wire frame to support the peak of a hat in front of, and above, the face of a person wearing the hat, and that this peak can be twisted into a figure eight shape (Figure 4) and then folded back inside the hat if the garment is to be folded away, and it appears to deal with the problem of providing a foldable peak to a cap or hat.

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The above-described reference is submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449 for the convenience of the Examiner.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 609. If for some reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called at 410.347.7303 so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

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Consideration of the foregoing and the making of the references formally of record in the instant application are respectfully requested.

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